

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 12 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 12.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 10, 14-23, and 27-39 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 10 and 23 are amended and claims 29-39 are added. Further, claims 5-9, 11-14 and 24-26 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter found therein. In addition, the specification has been amended in response to the objection to the title and various lines in the specification and to correct other minor informalities found therein. Lastly, Fig. 12 is replaced with a new Fig. 12 that amends reference numbers as noted in the Office Action.

In paragraph 3, on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 4 was objected to because of an informality. Claim 4 has been amended responsive to the objection and, thus, it is respectfully requested the objection be withdrawn.

In paragraph 20, on page 9 of the Office Action, it was indicated that claims 19 and 28 are allowed and in paragraph 19, also on page 9, claims 9, 14, 16-18, 22 and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 29-39 have been added to depend from allowed claim 19. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 5, 6 and 9. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable the features of claims 7 and 8 are inherent to what is found in claim 9. Further, claim 10 has been amended to include the features of claims 11 and 14. Again it is submitted that the features of claims 12 and 13 are inherent in what is found in claim 14 and lastly, claim 23 has been amended to include the features of claim. Again it is submitted that features of claims 24 and 25 are inherent in the subject matter of claim 26 which has been incorporated into claim 23. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1-4, 10, 15-18, 23, 27 and 29-39 are allowable in addition to previously allowed claims 19 and 28.

Further, it is submitted that the amendments above render moot the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, 10 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Park, U.S. Patent No. 5,911,101;

claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Usui et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,083,169; claims 23 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sato et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,219,505; claims 6-8 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Park in view of Hara et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,069,128 and Sato et al.; and claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. in view of Hara et al.

In paragraph 15, on page 7 of the Office Action, claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. (Sato). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of claims 20 and 21 call for a contaminant removing member that is detachably attached to the holding member support member. The holding member support member supports the developing agent holding member, the developing agent holding member holds the developing agent all of which are part of a developing unit.

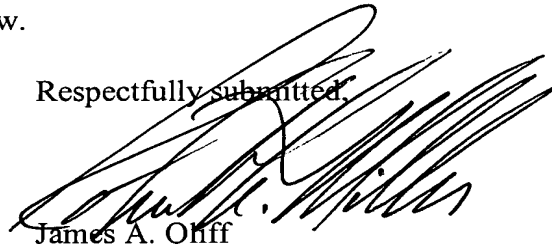
Although the Office Action alleges Sato teaches such, such is not the case. Figs. 12, 31 and 32 of Sato, that are alleged to show such a detachable attachment, show no such thing. The support member 250 of Fig. 12 and the second dust removing device 710 of Figs. 31 and 32 each have substantially the same structure. The support member 250 is described as being attached to the development cartridge 36 with the paper dust removing device and formed integrally with a wall 36a of the development cartridge 36 (col. 23, line 58 - col. 24, line 18). As a result, the paper dust removing device is exchanged with a new one when the cartridge 36 is exchanged with a new one (col. 24, lines 18-20). The same comments are made with respect to the second paper dust removing device 710 in that the support member 711 is integrally attached to the wall 36a of the developing cartridge (col. 40, lines 31-33). Because the developing cartridge 36 is freely detachable from the laser printer, the second paper-dust removing device 710 can be exchanged with a new one when the developing cartridge is exchanged with a new one, that is, they are simultaneously replaced (col. 41, lines 5-24). Thus,

Sato specifically teaches a non-detachably attached contaminant removing member. The entire developing unit is replaced at one time to include the contaminant removing member. As Sato teaches away from the claimed invention, Sato certainly cannot suggest the claimed invention. Thus, it is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4, 10, 14-18, 20-23, 27 and 29-39, in addition to previously allowed claims 19 and 28, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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